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SUBJECT: RE-ENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE, COSMOS 954

REF: STATE 013681

1. IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION
IN THE REFTTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS WITH MFA
DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WALTER GARDINI WHO UNDER-
STOOD NEED FOR CLOSE HOLD AND SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY
FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. GARDINI REMARKED THAT THOUGH HE HAD AN OBVIOUS
INTEREST IN SPACE ACTIVITIES IT HAD NOT OCCURRED TO
HIM THAT SOME SATELLITES WERE POWERED BY NUCLEAR
REACTORS. LOGICALLY, HE OBSERVED, MOST PEOPLE HAVE
NOT THOUGHT OF THAT POSSIBILITY. IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT,
IN HIS VIEW TO BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE TO RESPOND TO PRESS
ATTACKS IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS CONTAMINATION OF
AN INHABITED AREA AND AS SEEMS INEVITABLE, IT THEN
BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THE ATTACKS IN ITALY,
HE BELIEVED, WOULD BE AGAINST BOTH SPACE POWERS,
NOT JUST THE USSR. THE U.S., AS WELL, HE SUGGESTED
WOULD BE ACCUSED OF DISREGARD FOR HUMAN WELFARE BY
PLACING POTENTIAL INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION INTO

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